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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR OFFICIAL STATUS (REFTEL), STUDENT ASSOCIATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE AT ZAGREB UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY FACULTY DEFENDED ITS ACTIVITIES AT REPORTEDLY WELL-ATTENDED JAN 9 STUDENT ASSEMBLY WHICH CRITICIZED BY UNIVERSITY PARTY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ZDRAVKO MALIC AS "REMINISCENT OF NATIONALIST POLITICAL RALLIES." AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF PARTY CONFERENCE JAN 11, MALIC DENOUNCED EVENTS AT ASSEMBLY AND TWO-YEAR TENURE OF "ANTI-PARTY, PSEUDO-LEFTIST GROUP" IN PHILOSOPHY FACULTY STUDENT LEADERSHIP AS EVIDENCE OF "IMPERMISSIBLE" INDIFFERENCE TO STUDENT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL OPPOSITION AT PHILOSOPHY FACULTY SAID INCLUDE BOTH VOCAL "NEW LEFT" FACTION AND NATIONALIST ELEMENTS, WITH THREAT FROM RIGHT, THOUGH CURRENTLY MUTED, CONSIDERED GREATER DANGER BY PARTY.

IN ANY EVENT, JAN 9 EVENTS MOST FORWARD PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS ZAGREB STUDENT DISSONANCE NOTED SINCE KARADJORDJEVO. END SUMMARY

1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE CALLED ASSEMBLY OF PHILOSOPHY FACULTY  
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STUDENTS FOR JAN 9 IN WAKE OF WITHDRAWAL ITS OFFICIAL STATUS

BY PARENT ZAGREB STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ZSA). POSTERS ANNOUNCING ASSEMBLY WERE REMOVED FROM FACULTY BUILDING JAN 8, REPORTEDLY BY STUDENT PARTY ACTIVISTS, BUT REAPPEARED JAN 9 ALONG WITH NEW LEAFLETS INVITING ATTENDANCE AND STRIDENTLY REJECTING ZSA CHARGES THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE "ANARCHISTS" AND UNREPRESENTATIVE OF PHILOSOPHY FACULTY STUDENTS. LEAFLETS ALSO ATTACKED PHILOSOPHY FACULTY PARTY SECRETARY, FULL PROFESSOR MLADEN ZVONAREVIC (BASICS OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY). INITIALLY, POSTERS HAD ANNOUNCED THAT JAN 9 ASSEMBLY BEING CALLED FOR "REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTION OF PHILOSOPHY FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP."

2. ASSEMBLY HELD ON SCHEDULE AT 1100 JAN 9 IN PHILOSOPHY FACULTY'S MAIN LECTURE HALL (SEATING CAPACITY CIRCA 300), WITH UNIFORMED POLICE IN VICINITY. COORDINATING COMMITTEE GAVE LARGE AUDIENCE "POLITICAL REPORT" JUSTIFYING ITS CONDUCT AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS SUPPORT OF BELGRADE UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY FACULTY STUDENTS BACKING EIGHT BELEAGUERED PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS AT THAT INSTITUTION. ELECTION OF NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR ZAGREB PHILOSOPHY FACULTY, ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLY, DID NOT TAKE PLACE; NOMINATING COMMITTEE INSTEAD NAMED TO SUGGEST CANDIDATES AT LATER ASSEMBLY.

3. AT UNIVERSITY PARTY CONFERENCE SESSION JAN 11, CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ZDRAVKO MALIC, ACCORDING JAN 12 "BORBA," TERMED JAN 9 ASSEMBLY "REMINISCENT OF NATIONALIST POLITICAL RALLIES," WHILE DEPLORING FACT THAT "NOT ONE COMMUNIST INSTRUCTOR" EXCEPT ZVONAREVIC PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION AT ASSEMBLY. MALIC CONSIDERED THIS EVIDENCE OF "IMPERMISSIBLE" INDIFFERENCE TO STUDENT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. ZVONAREVIC TERMED JAN 9 PROCEEDINGS "EXPRESSION OF MARCUSE'S MARXISM," IDEOLOGY WHOSE FOMENTORS AT ZAGREB UNIVERSITY WERE "GROUP AROUND MAGAZINE 'PRAXIS'." ZVONAREVIC, REPORTEDLY VOCAL PRE-KARADJORDJEVO OPPONENT OF CROATIAN NATIONALISM, WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT "RIGHTIST-NATIONALIST FORCES" AT PHILOSOPHY FACULTY CONSTITUTED GREATER DANGER THAN ACTIVITIES OF "NEW LEFT."

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4. COMMENT: CONTROVERSY OVER ZAGREB STUDENT SUPPORT FOR BELGRADE EIGHT AND THEIR STUDENT SUPPORTERS ONLY ONE MANIFESTATION OF PARTY'S PROBLEMS AT ZAGREB UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY FACULTY. THESE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING "NEW LEFT," "RIGHTIST-NATIONALISTS", AND WEAK PARTY ORGANIZATION THOROUGHLY AIRED AT JAN 11 PARTY CONFERENCE SESSION, WHERE SOME DISAGREEMENT APPARENT ON CORRECT APPROACH FOR RECTIFYING MATTERS. MALIC CALLED FOR "SQUARING ACCOUNTS WITH FOMENTORS OF ALIEN

IDEOLOGIES, WITH RINGLEADERS OF ANTI-PARTY BEHAVIOR AND THEIR FELLOW-TRAVELERS." ZVONAREVIC, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT "NEW LEFT" HAS MANY "ACCIDENTAL FELLOW-TRAVELERS" WHOM PARTY CAN EXPECT WIN OVER AND APPEALED FOR "TOLERATION OF VIEWS WITHIN PARTY," PERHAPS HAVING IN MIND PAST OPPOSITION OF CAMPUS LEFTISTS TO NATIONALISTS. THIS LATTER CONNECTION, LATENT NATIONALIST SENTIMENT AT UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING SYMPATHY FOR CROATIAN FIGURES DEPOSED AFTER KARADJORDJEVO, SURELY REMAINS PARTY LEADERSHIP'S MAJOR CONCERN.

5. ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE, "NEW LEFT" AND "NATIONALIST" STUDENTS AT PHILOSOPHY FACULTY "AT ONE," FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, IN OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS ESTABLISH GREATER PARTY ROLE IN UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS VIA ORGANIZATIONAL REFORMS. THIS SITUATION UNDERLINED BY LARGE ATTENDANCE AT JAN 9 STUDENT MEETING. REGARDING STRIDENT TONE OF LEAFLET INVITING STUDENTS TO MEETING, SOURCE NOTED THAT LEAFLET (TEXT SEPARATELY VIA AIRGRAM) REFLECTED SOME CAUTION IN BEING ADDRESSED TO PHILOSOPHY FACULTY STUDENTS ONLY AND IN ITS AVOIDANCE EXTRA-UNIVERSITY ISSUES. IN ANY EVENT, HOWEVER, JAN 9 LEAFLET AND ASSEMBLY MOST FORWARD PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS OF ZAGREB STUDENT DISSONANCE NOTED SINCE KARADJORDJEVO. WITH REGARD LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF UNIVERSITY SITUATION, UNDERSTAND MEDIA HAS BEEN UNDER SOME RESTRAINT IN REPORTING SUBJECT EVIDENTLY WITH VIEW TO DAMPENING POSSIBILITIES OF ESCALATION.

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